29th January 1936]

Default in the payment of rent due by toddy and arrack shop renters in the North Arcot district.

* 584 *Q.*—Mr. M. B. Rangaswami Reddi: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of toddy and arrack shop renters for the past three years in the North Arcot district, talukwar, who failed to pay the entire rent;

(*b*) the amount of rent of such shops; and

(*c*) the number of toddy and arrack renters placed in jail for failure to pay the arrear rents?

A.—A statement [a] containing the information asked for is appended.

UNSTARRED QUESTION

Inland Waterways

Maintenance of the minimum water-level in the Buckingham Canal for purposes of navigation.

585 *Q.*—Mr. V. T. Arasu: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the minimum water-level that is required for navigation in the Buckingham Canal;

(*b*) whether that level is available all through the year; and

(*c*) if not, why the Government are not in a position to maintain the minimum level?

A.—(*a*) The Navigation rules prescribe that all vessels using the canal shall be so loaded that they can navigate in a depth of water of 3 feet in the portion of canal to the north of the Cooum river in Madras and 2 feet in the southern portion.

(*b*) & (*c*) That depth is maintained by annual silt clearance.

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

NON-OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

II.—AMENDMENTS TO STANDING ORDER No. 5 (*b*) (5).

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—" Mr. President, Sir, I beg to present the [b] Report of the Select Committee appointed to consider amendments to Standing Order No. 5 (*b*) (5) and move that the Report be taken into consideration."

The motion was duly seconded.

The motion was put and carried.

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[a] Printed as Appendix VI on page 124 infra.

[b] Printed as Appendix VII on pages 125–126 infra.